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Letter dated 30 December 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to send you herewith the text of the joint statement on El Salvador of 28 December 1992 by the Department of State of the United States of America and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (see annex).

We would appreciate the distribution of the texts of the present letter and of the joint statement as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Joint statement on El Salvador issued on 28 December 1992 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and the Department of State of the United States of America

The Russian Federation and the United States of America, whose constructive interaction on Central American issues the last several years has helped defuse tensions in this area, note with great satisfaction that the peace process in El Salvador started at Esquípulas and pursued further within the framework of the Chapultepec Accords has entered a promising new phase.

Russia and the United States applaud the political resolve displayed by the Government of El Salvador and the leadership of the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN), which overcame mutual distrust to implement the main provisions of the Chapultepec Accords. Russia and the United States are grateful for the role played by the United Nations, above all its Secretary-General, and for the support given the peace process by Mexico, Spain, Colombia and Venezuela. The high level of representation at the reconciliation ceremony on 15 December 1992 bears testimony to the intention of the international community to continue its support of the peace process.

As El Salvador moves forward to implement fully the Peace Accords and to realize the full potential of progress to date, Russia and the United States express confidence that the Government of El Salvador and the FMLN will continue their dialogue and cooperation with the United Nations, show restraint, and demonstrate renewed determination to achieve their country's socio-economic reconstruction. They reiterate their readiness to continue to assist in this effort and express hope that other interested States and international and regional organizations will offer their support.